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COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. SCIOFF MET WITH MOROZOV AND SHVARTS OF SCST DEEMBER 26
TO DISCUSS PLANNING FOR US COMMITTEE VISIT. TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT DESIRES OF US MEMBERS (REFTEL), SOVIET SIDE SUGGESTED
FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR VISIT, WHICH CALLS FOR EXTENSION
OF STAY IN THE USSR THROUGH MONDAY, JANUARY 21:

JANUARY 13 - ARRIVE MONSCOW, SETTLE IN AT HOTEL;

JANUARY 14 - 10:00 PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN US AND SOVIET
CO-CHAIRMEN;

10:30-18:00 FULL PLENARY SESSION TO COVER ALL
POINTS OF AGENDA;
EVENING - ATTEND CIRCUS;

JANUARY 15 - US COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND EXPERTS TO MINISTRY OF
RAILWAY TRANSPORT;

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P.M. - MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND OTHER VISITS IF
TIME PERMITS;

EVENING - BALLET;

JANUARY 16 - A.M. MINISTRY OF THE MERCHANT MARINE AND MINISTRY
OF TRANSPORT CONSTRUCTION;

P.M. - SPLIT GROUPS TO:
A. MOSCOW LOCOMOTIVE WORKSHOP AND
B. VNUKOVO AIRPORT;

JANUARY 17 - A.M. VISIT EXPERIMENTAL RAILROAD TESTING RING
NEAR MOSCOW;

16:30 SIGNING OF JOINT RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS, PRESS
CONFERENCE;

17:00 RECEPTION GIVEN BY SOVIET COMMITTEE;

24:00 GROUP DEPARTS FOR LENINGRAD VIA "RED ARROW
EXPRESS" TRAIN;

JANUARY 18 - 0800 - ARRIVE LENINGRAD, SETTLE IN AT HOTEL;

10:00 MEETING AT LENINGRAD CITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR
DISCUSSION ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION, SIGHTSEEING?

P.M. (SPLIT GROUPS) - LENINGRAD PORT AND LENINGRAD
METRO SYSTEM;

JANUARY 19 - A.M. VISIT LENINGRAD RAIL SHUNTING YARDS;
P.M. ACADEMY OF CIVIL AVIATION FOR DISCUSSIONS ON
PILOT TRAINING;

JANUARY 20 - A.M. SIGHTSEEING AT PAVLOVSK (SITE OF TSARIST
PALACE);

P.M. HERMITAGE;

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EVENING- DINNER AT THE SADKO RESTAURANT;

JANUARY 21 - GROUP DEPARTS FOR HELSINKI FROM LENINGRAD AT
16:55 HOURS VIA FINNAIR, OR FROM MOSCOW FOR LONDON
IN THE AFTERNOON.

2. MOROZOV SAID SOVIET SIDE BELIEVES ABOVE PROGRAM WOULD
SATISFY INTERESTS OF US GROUP EVEN THOUGH IT PROLONGS STAY

IN THE USSR. SOVIETS HOPE THAT US GROUP WILL STAY TOGETHER FOR VISIT TO LENINGRAD, BUT VISIT TO KIEV COULD BE ARRANGED FOR THOSE MEMBERS DESIRING THIS, PROVIDED THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS ARE KNOWN SOON. SOVIETS WISH TO PAY ALL EXPENSES FOR LENINGRAD TRIP. SCIOFF NOTED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY US COMMITTEE IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES IN RECIPROCATING THIS IN THE US AT SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

3. SOVIET SIDE REQUIRES PROTOCOL LISTING OF US COMMITTEE AND ACCOMPANYING EXPERTS AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW US SIDE'S VIEWS ON SEATING ARRANGEMENTS AT PLENARY SESSION, I.E., WOULD ENTIRE US GROUP SIT AT CONFERENCE TABLE OR JUST THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS?

4. IF ABOVE TENTATIVE PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO US SIDE SOVIET SIDE NEEDS TO KNOW WHICH MEMBERS WISH TO VISIT FACILITIES LISTED. IF US GROUP WISHES TO VISIT ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES OR FACILITIES--SUCH AS THE MINISTRY OF THE RIVER FLEET AND THE STATE AUTOMOBILE INSPECTORATE (GAI), PLEASE ADVISE.

5. SOVIETS ENVISAGE THAT US AND SOVIET COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS WOULD PREPARE AGREED JOINT RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS ON JANUARY 15-16 WHILE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND EXPERTS ARE MAKING TECHNICAL VISITS. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH THIS PROPOSAL. IN THIS RESPECT, SOVIETS REQUEST COPY OF US DRAFT RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS ASAP. SOVIET DRAFT SHOULD BE READY AROUND JANUARY 4 AND EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT IT WHEN RECEIVED.

6. SOVIETS WISH TO KNOW US GROUP'S PREFERENCES ON HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. GROUP WILL BE STAYING AT THE INTOURIST HOTEL, WHICH IS QUITE CLOSE TO THE SCST.

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7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY ON ABOVE-SUGGESTED PROGRAM AND OTHER POINTS RAISED BY SOVIETS.
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